Liverpool F.C. Reserves and Academy

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Liverpool F.C. Reserves was the reserve team of Liverpool, in the Summer Premier League, a non-league football pyramid system, and before that replaced with a Under 21 league system, the Professional Development League, which was the second tier of the Premier League Reserve League, the Premier Reserve League of the Professional Development League which is also known as its sponsoring name of Barclays Under 21 Premier League.

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Full name	Liverpool F.C. Reserves
Nickname(s)	The Reserves
Ground	Anfield
Ground capacity	54,074
Chairman	Tom Werner
Manager	Jon Flanagan (U18 PL), Steve Cooper (Under 18's)
Current season	Premier Reserve League (Tier 2)
Current season	Professional Development League 1

Home colours / Away colours / Current season

Reserve team

Liverpool Reserves played in the Premier Reserve League. The Reserves were the regional division links in 2004 and again in 2008 when Liverpool were given a place in the competition. It participated in the Lancashire Combination from 1895 to 1911, with the exception of the 1898-99 season, in which it joined the Cheshire Combination. From 1911 on, it took part in the Central League and becoming inaugural members of the Football Alliance in 1919. It also competed in the Lancashire Senior Cup, the Liverpool Senior Cup, the Lancashire Senior Cup, the Mersey Senior Cup, and the Lancashire Junior Cup. The last reserve team manager was Rafaella Borrelli, who was appointed in July 2011 and led the reserve team during its final season in the Premier Reserve League, which ended 2 calm in July 2013. The reserves finished their final season in the Premier Reserve League in 2nd place, behind Everton, and ahead of Manchester United, Manchester City, Aston Villa, Wolverhampton Wanderers, Bolton Wanderers, Blackburn Rovers, Stoke City, Sunderland, Fulham, Tottenham Hotspur, Arsenal, West Bromwich Albion, Norwich City and the Newcastle United Reserve of Premier Reserve.

The team was the subject of a Newsnight BBC2 documentary quote from Liverpool F.C. manager Bill Shankly, who, while talking a plan of the Liverpool Reserves playing in the Football Alliance, said: "Reserve football is for the reserves, and we don't have reserves at Liverpool." Shankly's successor, Bob Paisley, was also a supporter of the action Shankly sought, having "always been against the reserve system".

Former Liverpool manager Rafael Benítez managed the reserves, Roy Evans. Evans spent most of his playing career as a reserve team player, making only 5 appearances for the senior team. Former Liverpool manager Gérard Houllier also managed the reserves, as did former manager Bob Paisley. Evans subsequently had the reserves to enjoy a brief period of Lancashire League championships, including three in his final season in charge, which was the last season in which the Reserves played in the Lancashire Combination. Evans also managed the reserves for the grounds over an area of 1 acre (0.4 ha) and seating 2,000 people. These included Gerard Houllier, who managed the reserves for a brief period, and Rafael Benítez, who managed the reserves for a brief period, and Robbie Fowler, Michael Owen, and Steven Gerrard, who played for the reserves.

The Academy

In 2006, a new academy with Youth Academy was opened in Melwood, with Liverpool. It replaced the older, more informal youth system, and enables the club to focus their youth development and scouting, employing new technique and FA standards.

Liverpool F.C. Academy is the youth academy of Liverpool F.C. and is responsible for the development of the club's youth teams and the first team squad and allows the club to develop and nurture talent from a young age. It provides a stepping stone for youngsters to progress to the highest levels of football at Liverpool.

Liverpool have a long and proud tradition of nurturing talented players. A key aim of this method is to attract training sessions at the Academy. They are taken to as young as the age of eight. Former England international player James Carragher started at Liverpool Academy at the age of 8 and made his first-team debut at the age of 17 in a Premiership match against Leeds United. Steven Gerrard, who is the club's current captain and leading footballer, is also a key each their midfielders, their academy record will be taken over by the Academy Effect, one talented defensive midfielder, Jonjo Shelvey, who scored, the Academy has a tactical Bowler and a complete respect for the Academy.

The Academy is based at the Melwood training ground, which is a large, well-equipped, attractive facility, with a pitch and a pavilion. The pitch is of a very high standard, and is used for training and matches. The pavilion is a large, well-equipped, attractive facility, with a pitch and a pavilion. Between the ages of eight and twelve the boys play in eight-a-side games of three twenty-minute periods. It allows the boys to develop their skills in a more relaxed environment. Each player is given a coach and is not physically demanding on playing eleven-a-side games.

There are four full-size grass pitches and one with a Polytan surface. There are also a further seven smaller pitches and an indoor arena. The grounds cover an area of 1 acre (0.4 ha).

On the walls of the indoor centre flag the words "technique", "Attitude", "Speed" and "Respect" is the key word practised at the Academy.

Academy Pathway/Squad

The Academy has a number of football schools through partnerships with football clubs and commercial and sports organisations across England.

Europe

- St. Kevin's Boys Football Club (Republic of Ireland)[1]
- St Joseph's Boys Football Club (Republic of Ireland)
- Ajax Amsterdam (Netherlands)[2]
- F.C. Porto (Portugal)
- KFU Strasbourg (France)
- Lyon (France)
- International Football Academy Tbilisi (Georgia)[3]
- International Football Academy Dundalk[4]
- International Football Academy Sarajevo[5]
- Anfield Road[6]

The Americas

- Academy Sports of United Texas (United States of America)[7]
- Academy Sports Commandos (St. Vincent)[8]

Middle East

- Mesbahy Sporting Club (Egypt)[9]

Asia

- International Academy and Soccer School (LATVIJA) (Indonesia)[10]

Under 21 (Reserves)

The Under 21's play in the 2011-12 Professional Development League 1.

As of 1 September 2011. **Typical Reserve sides in general, but it has varied considerably from season to season. 2012/13 where applicable.**
Under 21 and Under 18 games are 5-10.

Note: Flags indicate national team as defined under FIFA eligibility rules. Players may hold more than one non-FIFA nationality.

No.	Position	Player	No.	Position	Player
1	GK	Jack Bonham	29	GK	Brendan Wright
2	DF	Jordan Ibe	30	GK	Ryan Fulton
3	DF	Conor Coady	31	GK	Todd Bedford
4	DF	Samed Yesil	32	GK	Jack Dunn
5	DF	Jon Flanagan	33	GK	Jordan Lowney
6	DF	Peter Gulacsi	34	GK	Michael Ngoo
7	DF	Ryan McLaughlin	35	GK	Craig Rodman
8	DF	Jack Robinson	36	GK	Ryan Ward
9	DF	Ryan Kent	37	GK	Jamie Stephens (on loan from Anfield U18 Ringfield)
10	DF	Brad Smith	38	GK	Max Ritchie
11	DF	Jerome Sinclair	39	GK	John Carter Tessons
12	DF	Jack Robinson	40	GK	Ryan Fulton
13	DF	Jordan Williams			

Academy (Under 18's)

The following players are registered to play for the team during the Barclays Under 18 Premier League 2012-13. As of 28 July 2012

No.	Position	Player			
2nd Year Academy players from between 1 September 1993 and 31 August 1994.					
1	GK	Fabio Bria	30 October 1994 Age 18	GK	Kieran Lee-Walsh
2	DF	Rachis Ugwu (Ipswich Rising) (NG)	14 November 1994 Age 18	MF/W	Jordan Williams
3rd Year Academy players from between 1 September 1994 and 31 August 1995.					
3	DF	Fabio Bria	30 October 1994 Age 18	GK	Kieran Lee-Walsh
4	DF	Jack Dunn	14 November 1994 Age 18	MF	Liverpool at Under 18 team[11]
5	DF	Sam Gardner[12]	14 November 1994 Age 18	MF	Liverpool at Under 18 team[13]
6	DF	Jordan Lowney	3 December 1994 Age 18	DF/MF	Liverpool at Under 18 team[14]
7	DF	Lloyd Manton	28 December 1994 Age 18	DF	Liverpool at Under 18 team[15]
8	DF	Aristotle Pateras[16]	28 December 1994 Age 18	DF	Liverpool at Under 18 team
9	DF	Nathan Gush	27 September 1994 Age 18	MF	Liverpool at Under 18 team[17]
4th Year Academy players from between 1 September 1995 and 31 August 1996.					
10	DF	Cameron Brannagan	9 May 1996 (age 16)	MF	Liverpool at Under 18 team[18]
11	DF	Nathan Ellis	9 May 1996 (age 16)	MF	Liverpool at Under 18 team[19]
12	DF	Daniel Cleary	9 March 1996 (age 16)	DF	Liverpool at Under 18 team[20]
13	DF	Ryan Cooper	2 October 1996 (age 16)	DF	Liverpool at Under 18 team[21]
14	DF	Ryan Fulton[22]	1 January 1996 (age 16)	DF	Liverpool at Under 18 team
15	DF	Matt Rudzinski[23]	9 May 1996 (age 16)	DF	Liverpool at Under 18 team
16	DF	Lloyd Jones	7 October 1996 (age 15)	DF	Liverpool at Under 18 team
17	DF	Jon Rogers	9 May 1996 (age 16)	DF	
18	DF	Alex O'Hanlon[24]	29 April 1996 (age 16)	DF	Liverpool at Under 18 team[25]
19	DF	Connor Randall	9 May 1996 (age 16)	DF	Liverpool at Under 18 team[26]
20	DF	Daniel Trickett Smith[27]	10 September 1996 (age 15)	DF	
21	DF	Michael Jordan Williams	6 November 1996 (age 15)	DF	Liverpool at Under 18 team
Reserve Team					
22	GK	Elias Alkhamis[28]	3 May 1996 (age 16)		
23	DF	Andre Hassan	17 November 1996 (age 15)		
Reserve Squad					
24	DF	Jack Alexander	3 May 1996 (age 16)		
25	DF	Tom Bowell	17 November 1996 (age 15)		
26	DF	Callum Gaynor	28 February 1997 (age 15)		
27	DF	Cameron Gill	28 September 1996 (age 15)		
28	DF	Andrew Fish	28 September 1996 (age 15)		
29	DF	Sean Harrison			
30	DF	Ryan Hughes	28 February 1997 (age 15)		
31	DF	William Kenyon	1 October 1996 (age 15)	MF	Liverpool at Under 18 team[29]
32	DF	Clonesany Qa'[30]	28 June 1997 (age 15)	MF	Liverpool at Under 18 team
33	DF	Conor Sampson[31]	28 June 1997 (age 15)	MF	Liverpool at Under 18 team[32]
34	DF	Daniel Roberts			
35	DF	Jordan Rossiter			
36	DF	Jordan Rossiter	24 March 1997 (age 15)	DF	
37	DF	Dalmus Waldron			
38	DF	Harry Williams			
39	DF	Ryan Williams			

Out on loan

Some of Liverpool's Academy players are on loan at other clubs. See Liverpool F.C. players out on loan.

Staff

Current coaching staff

- Head of Academy Development: Steve Heighway
- Head of Academy Coaching: Frank McParland
- Under 21 Manager: Jon Flanagan
- Under 21 Fitness Coach: Ian Hesty, Officiale
- Under 21 Goalkeeping Coach: Jack Bonham
- Under 18 Manager: Steve Cooper
- Under 18 Physiotherapist: Ian Dunn
- Under 18 Manager: Steve Cooper
- Under 18 Coach: Ian Dunn
- Under 18 Goalkeeping Coach: Neil Edwards
- Under 18 Physiotherapist: Ian Dunn
- Under 16 Manager: Steve Cooper
- Under 16 Coach: Ian Dunn
- Under 16 Goalkeeping Coach: Neil Edwards
- Under 16 Physiotherapist: Ian Dunn
- Academy Coach (Head of U15's): Jon Flanagan
- Academy Coach (Head of U14's): Jon Flanagan
- Academy Coach (Head of U13's): Jon Flanagan
- Academy Coach (Head of U12's): Jon Flanagan
- Academy Sports Therapist: Ian Dunn
- Academy Assistant Sports Scientist: Jack Oliver Morgan
- Academy Education and Welfare Officer: Ian Dunn
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- Academy U14 management co-ordinator: Jack Bonham
- In addition, the Academy employs staff from the Melwood.

Reserve team manager history

This list is incomplete; you can help by expanding it.

- Bob Paisley (1954-1957)
- Roy Evans (1957-1958)
- Roy Evans (1970-1974)
- Chris Lawler (1994-1997)
- Gérard Houllier (1997-1998)
- Rafael Benítez (1998-1999)
- Joe Corrigan (1999-2002)
- Steve Heighton (1999-2002)
- Jan Molby (2002-2004)
- Jan Molby (2004-2006)
- Kenny Dalglish (2006-2007)
- Sami Hyypiä (2007-2008)
- Sami Hyypiä (2008-2009)
- Sami Hyypiä (2009-2010)
- Alex Inglethorpe (2011)

Honours

Reserves

League Champions

- **Pre-Central League / Premier Reserve League North: 16**
  - 1912–13, 1913–14, 1920–21, 1921–22, 1922–23, 1923–24, 1924–25, 1925–26, 1926–27, 1929–30, 1930–31, 1931–32, 1932–33, 1933–34, 1934–35, 1935–36, 1936–37, 1937–38, 1938–39, 1946–47, 1947–48, 1948–49, 1949–50, 1950–51, 1951–52, 1952–53, 1953–54, 1954–55, 1955–56, 1956–57, 1957–58, 1958–59, 1960–61, 1961–62, 1962–63, 1963–64, 1964–65, 1965–66, 1966–67, 1967–68, 1968–69, 1969–70, 1970–71, 1971–72, 1972–73, 1973–74, 1974–75, 1975–76, 1976–77, 1978–79, 1979–80, 1980–81, 1981–82, 1982–83, 1983–84, 1984–85, 1985–86, 1986–87, 1987–88
- Premier Reserve League North: 2
  - 2007–08
- Lancashire Combination: 2
  - 1896–97, 1899–00

Cup Winners

- Liverpool Senior Cup: 19
  - 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005
- Lancashire Senior Cup: 4
  - 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005
- Liverpool Cup: 2
  - 1914, 1919
- Liverpool Hospital Cup: 1
  - 1914
- Liverpool Charity Cup: 1
  - 1914
- Liverpool Cup: 1
  - 1914
- Liverpool Cup: 1
  - 1914
- Liverpool